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In re Application of:

JUN FUJIMOTO

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For: CURRENCY CONTROL SYSTEM AND
PORTABLE SAFE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 14 with:

For example, since handling bills and coins every time of playing is cumbersome, there is a system in which renting out pachinko balls used in an amusement game facility is controlled with cards. With such a system, a player buys a prepaid card by inserting bills (and coins) into a card vending machine placed in the amusement game facility, receives pachinko balls discharged as the card is inserted into the card inserting slot of a pachinko game machine or of a ball renting machine by the side of the pachinko game machine, and plays using the pachinko game balls.

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 2 with:

Generally, managers or employees of the amusement game facility load the currency handling devices with specified quantities (amounts) of bills, coins, and cards before the business hours of the amusement game facility, and after the business hours, they take the bills, coins, and cards out of the currency handling machines, count them, sum up expenses,